IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: NIEDERSTAETTER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1794

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For: INTRINSICALLY STABLE SHIRRED STICK

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina October 17, 2011

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2011, please enter the following amendment and consider the remarks which follow. Also attached is a one-month extension of time with credit card information to extend the due date to October 21, 2011.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 7 of this paper.